

## SECTION 1

### 1.1 INVITATION FOR BID

#### CALL FOR BIDS

Sealed bids, entitled Bid for Sand Coulee Water System Replacement Project, DEQ Contract No. **414006** will be received by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) until 2:00 P.M. **Mountain Time, Wednesday, July 9, 2014**, and then publicly opened and read thereafter. Each bid will be submitted in a sealed opaque envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder and its address. It must be mailed or hand delivered to:

Mailed:  
Bid Box  
Attention: Tom Henderson  
P.O. Box 6969  
Helena, Montana 59604-6969

Hand Delivered:  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Remediation Division  
Attention: Tom Henderson  
Lee Metcalf Building, 1520 E. 6th Ave., Rm. 3,  
Helena, Montana 59620-0901

If forwarded by mail, the Bid and sealed envelope marked as described above will be enclosed in another envelope with the notification "SEALED BID ENCLOSED" on the face of the outer envelope and addressed as indicated above.

#### PROJECT LOCATION

The Sand Coulee Water System Replacement Project is located approximately 10 miles southeast of Great Falls, Montana, in Cascade County, as shown on Sheet G-2 of the Project Drawings.

The Site can be accessed by traveling east from Great Falls along US Hwy 89 for 3 miles to the intersection with Stockett Road (MT Hwy 227); travel south on Stockett Road approximately 5 miles to the intersection of East Hunter Road, turn right and travel southwest 1 mile on East Hunter Road to Sand Coulee.

#### PROJECT WORK DESCRIPTION

Bids will be received for one general contract (DEQ Contract No. **414006**). The Work includes providing all labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary to install a new water storage tank and foundation, removing the existing tank, improving the access road to the well house, constructing a new well house, installing a supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system, upgrading the electrical service to the well house, replacing existing water distribution pipe with new water distribution pipe which includes 8-inch and 6-inch diameter PVC mains, providing temporary potable water to residences, providing traffic control measures, installing a pressure reducing station, installing a flow meter manhole, conducting directional drilling with 8-inch fusible PVC pipe, installing new fire hydrants, water services, valves, water meters and pits, and restoring grass, lawn sod, fences, gravel, and asphaltic surfaces

The Project will include all incidental work necessary for completion as specified in the Contract Documents.

## CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The Bid Documents may be obtained from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ"), Remediation Division, P.O. Box 200901, Lee Metcalf Building, 1520 E. 6th Ave., Rm. 3, Helena, MT 59620-0901, (406) 841-5000 on **June 3, 2014**. Bid Documents will be obtained for a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 in advance, in cash or check payable to "Department of Environmental Quality." Credit Cards will not be accepted.

Mail requests must be labeled "**Bid Package Purchase, DEQ Contract No. 414006**" and addressed to: **Bid Box, Attention: Tom Henderson, P.O. Box 6969, Helena, Montana 59604-6969**. Bid Documents may also be obtained in person from the DEQ Remediation Office, located at Lee Metcalf Building, 1520 E. 6th Ave., Rm. 3, Helena, MT 59620-0901. For further directions, call (406) 841-5000.

Bid Documents, including any addenda, will be available for viewing at the Builder's Exchanges identified in the Instructions to Bidders.

## QUESTIONS

For general questions, contact **Tom Henderson (406-841-5052)**. All questions about the meaning or intent of the Contract Documents must be submitted in writing and received by DEQ, by fax (406) 841-5050, by mail, or by e-mail **no later than 12:00 pm MT on June 23, 2014**.

Questions submitted by mail must be labeled "**BID QUESTIONS, DEQ CONTRACT No. 414006**" and addressed to **Bid Box, Attention: Tom Henderson, P.O. Box 6969, Helena, Montana 59604-6969**. Questions must also be e-mailed to both [thenderson@mt.gov](mailto:thenderson@mt.gov) and [mrhodes@hydrometrics.com](mailto:mrhodes@hydrometrics.com). Responses to questions will be posted at <http://svc.mt.gov/gsd/OneStop/SolicitationList.aspx> no later than close of business **June 27, 2014**.

## CONTRACT TIME

**The Contract Time will include one hundred twenty five (125) consecutive calendar days. The Contract Time may be extended for inclement weather with approval from the Engineer and Owner.** The Contractor will pay the Owner liquidated damages in the amount of Twelve-Hundred-and-Fifty (\$1,250.00) dollars per day for each day beyond the Contract Time (as adjusted in accordance with the terms of the Contract Documents) that the Work is not substantially complete.

## PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A mandatory pre-bid conference and walk-through will be held for prospective bidders on **June 18, 2014**. The pre-bid conference and walk-through will meet at **2:00 p.m. MT at the Sand Coulee Volunteer Fire Department located at 520 East Hunter Road**. After a description of the Project, bidders will walk the project area for additional Project discussion and bidders' questions. **Both the pre-bid conference and the walk-through are mandatory: bidding contractors are required to attend.** Bids submitted by Bidders who do not attend both the pre-bid conference and walk-through of the Site will not be considered.

DEQ will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate. If you require an accommodation, please contact DEQ to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need.

## **BID SUBMITTAL**

Bids must be submitted in accordance with Instructions to Bidders and with the laws of the State of Montana.

All workers employed in performance of the project work will be paid prevailing wages at rates required by Federal regulation and the laws of the State of Montana.

Bidders must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Subject to the provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, no qualified individual with a disability shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or services of a public entity or be subject to discrimination by any such entity. Persons with disabilities seeking accommodation may contact DEQ to make their request.

Owner reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel the contract solicitation for this project, to reject any and all Bids, to postpone or refuse to award the contract, to consider the Bid of another Bidder, to waive any and all informalities, and to take any other action it deems in the best interests of the State of Montana.

The DEQ is an equal opportunity employer.

### **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

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